# REPORT

ON THE

## HEALTH

OF THE

# BOROUGH OF SUTTON COLDFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR 1903,

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# Borough of Sutton Coldfield, Medical Officer of Health's Office, 14, Temple Street, Birmingham. 30th January, 1904.

To the Sanitary and Buildings Committee.

### MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

1. I have the honour to present to you my Eighteenth Annual Report on the Sanitary condition of the Borough, and in order to render comparison with previous reports as easy as possible, I have adopted the same general arrangement of tabular forms.

### AREA.

2. This is the same as last year, namely 13,030 acres, and as there has been no alteration in the Ward Boundaries, the area is sub-divided as follows:—Boldmere Ward, 1,051 acres; Hill, 2,907; Maney, 848; Trinity, 3,223; Walmley, 4,242; and Wylde Green, 759.

### POPULATION.

- 3. At a time when, like the present, the growth of the Borough is considerable, it is by no means an easy task, even with a fair degree of accuracy, to estimate the population of the town. In order to get as near an approximation as possible, I have consulted both the Borough Accountant and the Borough Surveyor; the one because of his experience of the rate book, the other of his knowledge of the number of new buildings and the proportion of these occupied at the middle of the year.
- 4. As a result, I estimate that the number of inhabited houses occupied at the middle of the year was 3,535, and, multiplying this figure by 4.64, the average number of people found in each house at the census of 1901, the population appears to be 16,402. It must not be forgotten, however, that the Princess Alice Orphanage is situated in the town, and that the average number of inmates in this Institution was 217, so that adding these to the other figure, we obtain a population to the middle of 1903 of 16,619. This shows an increase on the estimate of the

previous year of 984, somewhat less than the increase estimated for 1902, which was 1,264; but, taking everything into consideration, I believe that it is not very far from the truth.

5. The following table shows the population divided among the Six Wards:—

WARDS	3.		Area in Acres.	Population.
Boldmere Ward	• • •	 	1,051	4,068
Hill Ward			2,907	2,594
Maney Ward		 	848	3,591
Trinity Ward	• • •		3,223	2,997
Walmley Ward		 	4,242	1,276
Wylde Green Ward	d	 	756	2,093
			13,030	16,619

### BIRTHS.

- 6. Three hundred and sixty four births have been registered during the year, namely, 189 males and 175 females. This figure is 19 less than the total for 1902, and gives us a birth-rate of 21.9, compared with 24.02 in the previous year. In the last two years the birth-rate has been above the average, but in the year under review, though it has been considerably lower, it is still above the ten year average, though only to a slight extent.
- 7. The number of illegitimate births was nine, compared with 7 and 11 in the two previous years.

### DEATHS.

8. One hundred and ninety-one deaths have been registered, namely, 96 males, and 95 females. Of these, three occurred in people not belonging to the Borough, but nine occurred in persons removed to the Aston Union Workhouse, and two died in Birmingham Hospitals, so that deducting three and adding eleven, we have a corrected figure of 199 deaths to be debited

to the Borough, and this gives us a death-rate for the year of 11.97. It is very curious that the rate is almost identical with that of the two previous years, when it was 11.79 and 11.87, while for the average of the ten previous years the death-rate has been 11.86.

9. The following table shows the Birth Death and Zymotic Death-rates for the past ten years:—

	1894.	1895	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900	1901.	1902.	1903.
Birth Rate	20.00	19.90	19.53	19:15	17:35	22:46	22.18	23.61	24.02	21.90
Death Rate	11:50	11.04	13.50	11:59	11.64	12.18	11.57	11.87	11.79	11.97
Zymotic Death Rate	0.6	0.57	2.35	0.77	0.95	0.60	0.75	0.62	0.61	0.66

10. It will be seen, therefore, that the Birth-rate is slightly above the average; the Death-rate remains remarkably low, while the Zymotic Death-rate is also below the average of the ten years, and is practically as low as it has ever been, being only higher in the second decimal place than the best on record.

11. In the following table are shown the Birth, Death, and Zymotic Death-rates for the separate Wards of the Borough:—

WARDS.		Population.	Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Zymotic Death Rate.
Boldmere	• • •	4,068	21.87	10.81	0.73
Hill	•••	2,594	22.74	15.42	1.15
Maney	• • •	3,591	27.29	12.80	0.83
Trinity		2,997	15.01	12:01	0.36
Walmley	• • •	1,276	21.94	9.40	nil
Wylde Green	• • •	2,093	21:50	10.03	0.47

- 12. These figures show that the Birth-rate was highest in Maney and lowest in Trinity Wards, and it is an interesting fact that it has been lowest in Trinity Ward now for three successive years.
- 13. The Death-rate was lowest in Walmley and Wylde Green Wards. It was highest in Hill.
- 14. The Zymotic Death rate was highest in Hill Ward, though here it was very low, and was absolutely *nil* in Walmley. In Trinity and Wylde Green Wards it was below 0.5 per thousand.

### INFANT MORTALITY.

- 15. Of the 199 deaths, 37 were in children under one year of age, and 14 between one and five years. This gives a better percentage of deaths of infants under one year to the total deaths, and also of children under five years than in the preceding year, as will be seen by the next table. The rate of infant mortality, which is calculated on the number of children who die under twelve months, calculated on the number of births, appears as 101, compared with 103 in the previous year. This is a very satisfactory rate, and compares very favourably with the country at large.
- 16. The following table shows at a glance the rates of Infant Mortality:—

Annual Rate of Mortality.	Percentage of Deaths of Infants under One Year to Total Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths of Children under Five Years to Total Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths of Infants under One Year to Registered Births.
11.97	18:59	25.62	10.1

- 17. The causes of these infantile deaths were as follows:—
  Debility from Birth, 2; Tuberculosis, 4; Congestion of Lungs,
  1; Meningitis, 1; Bronchitis, 3; Premature Birth, 4; Natural
  Causes, 1; Convulsions, 3; want of breast milk, 1; Inanition,
  2; Malformation of Heart, 2; Icterus, 2; Asphyxia at Birth, 1;
  Immaturity at Birth, 1; Atrophy, 1; Congenital Syphilis, 1:
  Syncope, 1; Dentition, 1; Whooping Cough, 3; Diarrhæa, 1;
  Enteritis, 1.
- 18. These returns are much the same as in 1902, for, with the exception of the three deaths from Whooping Cough and the one from Diarrhæa, all the deaths were due to causes outside the direct control of a sanitary authority.

19. The next table shows the distribution of births and deaths in each quarter:—

1903.	Births.	Birth Rate.	Deaths.	Death Rate.	Zymotic Death Rate.
lst Quarter	. 80	19.24	45	10.80	0.24
2nd ,,	. 107	25.72	62	14.92	1.20
3rd ,,	. 86	20.68	48	11.52	0.96
4th ,,	. 91	21.88	44	10.56	0.24

- 20. It will be seen that the Birth-rate was lowest in the first quarter, as was the case in the previous year, and highest in the second quarter. The Death-rate was lowest in the first and last quarters, and highest in the second, while the Zymotic Death-rate was highest in the second and third quarters, and fractional in the other two.
- 21. The mortality in persons aged 65 and upwards was again high, namely 35·1% of the total. This is higher than in the preceding year, and may be considered very satisfactory.

### ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

- 22. Eleven deaths only have been registered from the seven principal zymotic diseases, compared with 10 in the previous year. Of these, four were due to Whooping Cough, three to Measles, one to Diphtheria, and three to Diarrhæa. This to my mind is a very satisfactory record, even more so than in the previous year.
- 23. Epidemics.— For a second year, nothing in the nature of a real epidemic has been experienced, but owing to the somewhat extensive prevalence of Measles in Hill, in January, I suggested the closing of the Infants' School there for a period of three weeks, and this was done. Scarlet Fever was slightly prevalent towards the end of the year, particularly in Boldmere Ward.
- 24. Smallpox.—I am pleased to be able to report that not a single case has been notified during the year.
- 25. Chickenpox —This disease was again made notifiable owing to the threatened invasion by Smallpox from neighbouring districts. I am pleased, however, to be able to state that it has been much less prevalent than in the previous year, 34 cases only having been notified, compared with 96 in 1902. Enquiries have been made in each case as to the ages of the patients, and the question of vaccination or otherwise, but in no case was an unvaccinated child discovered.
- 26. Scarlet Fever.—Fifty-three cases of this disease were notified during the year, compared with 72 in the previous year, and 80 in 1901. The disease was of so mild a type that not a single death has occurred. It was chiefly prevalent in Boldmere Ward, where 19 cases occurred, while in Maney, also, 14 were notified. Careful enquiries were made in each case to discover the source of infection.

- 27. Measles.—Three deaths were registered from this disease, and, as I have already mentioned, the prevalence of it was such in Hill that the Infants' School was closed in January; but in no other neighbourhoods did I consider that the attendance was sufficiently affected to render it desirable to close the schools.
- 28. Whooping Cough.—Four deaths were registered from this disease, exactly the same number as in the previous year, and three of these were in infants under one year of age. It will be seen, therefore, that, as is nearly always the case, this was the most fatal of all the zymotic affections of childhood.
- 29. Diphtheria.—Six cases, exactly the same number as in the previous year, were notified, and one of them proved fatal. Four of the cases occurred in Maney Ward, one in Wylde Green, and one at the Princess Alice Orphanage.
- 30. In every instance I visited the premises. In two of the cases in Maney Ward, the disease was undoubtedly imported from a relative who was at the time believed to be suffering from Quinsy, but undoubtedly was suffering from undiagnosed Diphtheria. On enquiry I found that the real nature of the illness was subsequently discovered. The case at the Princess Alice Orphanage was obscure. The child had not been subjected to infection as far as was known, and this was a solitary case in the Institution.
- 31. In the other cases there was nothing definite to be discovered as to the source of infection or to the cause of the disease. In one instance a sink was defective, and this has since been remedied.
- 32. Typhoid Fever.—Not a single death was registered from this disease, and only two cases were notified. One of these occurred in Chester Road, in a lady, but I was unable in any way to discover the origin of the disease. The other case was

possibly due to infection imported from another district, the patient having been visiting a friend who was alleged to have been suffering from Typhoid Fever. I discovered, however, on this property, that the water-closet was not provided with a flushing cistern, and I suggested that this should be done, and the work, though not yet complete, is about to be carried out.

- 33. Diarrhæa.—Only three deaths were registered from this disease, one in a child under one year of age, and the other two in aged persons. As in the previous year, this immunity from summer diarrhæa must be attributed to climatic rather than other causes, the cold, wet summer being unfavourable for the production of infantile diarrhæa.
- 34. Influenza.—Two deaths were registered as due to influenza, one less than in the previous year. The deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs have been rather less than last year.
- 35. Phthisis.—I regret again to have to report a somewhat large mortality from this disease. Thirteen deaths, the same number as in 1902, were recorded. This gives us a percentage on the total deaths of 6.5. This, compared with the country at large, is fairly satisfactory, though it is a terrible thing to contemplate that the mortality from a disease now proved to be preventible was greater than that of all the so-called infectious diseases put together.
- 36. I may add that it has been my custom all through the year to offer disinfection, both of premises and of all bedding, clothes, etc, in cases where Phthisis has proved fatal. In addition, notices have been circulated in the district enjoining the measures to be taken to limit the spread of this disease, and I hope that these efforts in educating the people how to avoid consumption may be productive of good in the future.

### SANITARY CONDITION AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

- 37. There can be no doubt that a further marked improvement in the sanitary condition of the Borough has taken place during the year. The work carried out in the department of the Borough Surveyor, makes for improved sanitation, and the fact that with the exception of three or four scattered cases of zymotic diseases the Borough was free from such illness at the end of the year, is further evidence of this fact.
- AN ACCOUNT OF ENQUIRIES MADE AS TO CONDITIONS INJURIOUS TO HEALTH, AND OF THE PROCEEDINGS ADVISED; ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE SUPERVISION EXERCISED OVER PLACES AND HOUSES WHICH THE SANITARY AUTHORITY HAVE POWER TO REGULATE, WITH THE ACTION TAKEN IN REGARD TO OFFENSIVE TRADES.
- 38. The Borough has been regularly inspected for the purpose of discovering nuisances, and all complaints have been enquired into, and, if proved to be justified, the necessary measures taken to have defects remedied. In connection with this inspection I may add that every public-house in the Borough has been overhauled as regards its sanitary condition, and in many instances improvements have been effected, particularly in the substitution of water-closets for midden privies, and in urinal accommodation.

### NOTIFICATION.

- 39. The total number of cases notified during the year was 98, compared with 185 in the previous year. They were as follows:—Scarlet Fever, 53; Diphtheria, 6; Typhoid Fever, 2; Erysipelas, 3; and Chickenpox, 34. It will be observed that there is a great diminution in the number of cases notified, and this is chiefly due to the fact of the lessened prevalence of Chickenpox, to which I have previously referred.
- 40. The cost of notification was £12 3s. 6d., compared with £22 10s. in 1902.

### ISOLATION.

41. The number of cases removed to the Isolation Hospital was considerably less than in the two previous years, the total number removed being 31, compared with 41 in 1902, and 65 in 1901.

### DISINFECTION.

42. In every case where infectious disease has been notified, the house has been disinfected, and the Inspector reports that he has disinfected 73 houses and three schools. In every case, also, bedding, clothing, and similar articles have been sent to the station to be disinfected.

### SCHOOLS.

43. I am pleased to be able to state that I have only thought it desirable to close one school, namely, Hill Infants', owing to the prevalence of infectious disease. This was on account of Measles, and took place from the 7th to the 28th January. It was suggested to me that it would probably be desirable to close Boldmere Schools in October, but I could not satisfy myself that the conditions were such as to make such a proceeding desirable.

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

- 44. I am indebted to Mr. Clarry, the Borough Surveyor, for the following particulars of work done in his department. He says:—
  - "No sewerage works of any important character have been undertaken during the past year, beyond the completion of the sewer through Little Sutton and an extension from the Mere Green Road sewer towards and along the road fronting the Hill allotments.

"New sewers have been laid in the following roads:— Jordan Road, College Road, and Britwell Road. Surfacewater drains have been laid in Lichfield Road, Birmingham Road, Riland Road, and Mere Green Road, in order to prevent flooding in times of heavy rainfall, as this has caused much inconvenience in the neighbourhood, while in addition it causes constant dampness in the ground, rendering it undesirable for building purposes.

"One hundred and twenty connections have been made to the public sewers, and by this means 229 houses have been effectually drained, while 310 water-closets have been put in."

- 45. These figures are closely in accord with those of the previous year, and show that the work of maintaining the excellent sanitary condition of the Borough is still progressing.
- 46. During the year, an important advance in the equipment of the Borough has been made in the erection of latrines, etc., on the Lower Parade. These were commenced in March, and completed by July 30th. They are planned in two divisions, one being for ladies and the other for gentlemen, have entrances from entirely opposite directions. On the ladies' side there are four w.c.'s opening into a room 15ft. by 8ft. 9in., where, if it is found necessary, lavatory basins can The gentlemen's side has three w.c.'s and six urinals, with space for a lavatory basin. The whole of the building is lighted by electricity, and well supplied with water from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company's mains, and drainage into the public sewers. Upon each of the closet doors a pennyin-the-slot lock is fixed, and the seats are made to flush automatically after being used. As showing the want which the erection of these latrines has supplied, two thousand pennies have been collected from the slot-locks up to December 31st, while these figures only indicate a comparatively small portion of the use which has been made of the conveniences.

### SCAVENGING.

- 47. I am pleased to be able to point to increased activity under this head. During the year 1903, 1,181 ashpits and privies were emptied under the supervision of the Inspector of Nuisances, and this figure compares favourably with that for the previous year, when 989 were emptied.
- 48.—I still, however, look forward to the time when scavenging shall be carried out, at all events in the populous parts of the Borough, as a regular proceeding of the Health Department, instead of, as at present, waiting for a demand to be made by a householder owing to the ashpit having become filled.
- 49. No less than 72 ashpit middens have been converted into water-closets during the year, compared with 47 in the previous year. In several instances, too, so-called "water-closets" which had no automatic cistern fixed have been supplied with water for flushing purposes.

### WATER SUPPLY.

59. I have analysed seven samples during the year, namely, six of tap water, that is, one every alternate month taken by the Inspector from different wards of the Borough, and one sample of surface well water. The results will be found in the Appendix, and show that, speaking generally, the public supply has been of good quality throughout the year, but that the sample of well water was largely polluted with organic matter of animal origin, and in my opinion, therefore, was unfit for use for drinking purposes. In consequence of my report, the tap water was substituted for the polluted supply.

### OVERCROWDING.

51. Not a single case of overcrowding was reported to the Inspector, nor found by him in his investigations, throughout the year.

### SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

52. These buildings, of which there are eight in the Borough, have been very fully inspected during the year, no less than 156 visits having been made to them, and I am pleased to be able to report that they have been maintained in a good state of repair, and also have been maintained in a cleanly condition.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES.

53. The only offensive trade carried on in the Borough is one where tripe is boiled, and this on every occasion when it has been visited has been found to have been conducted in a satisfactory manner, and no complaints have been made of nuisances arising therefrom.

### DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

54. The Inspector reports that he has made 42 visits to cowsheds, and 10 to dairies and milk shops. The dairies and milk shops, as a rule, have been in a satisfactory condition. The same applies to the cowsheds, and indeed some improvement has taken place, but there is still a tendency to overcrowd some of these by putting in a number of cows too great to have the eight hundred cubic feet of space which should be the minimum for each animal.

### ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

55. No samples have been purchased by the Inspector during the year, the work having been carried out by the Inspectors of the County Council. I know that a sufficiency of samples has been purchased to comply with the regulations of the Board of Agriculture.

### NEW STREETS AND BUILDINGS.

56. Mr. Clarry, the Borough Surveyor, has forwarded me the following particulars:—

"During the year, plans were approved for the erection of 270 houses, 3 shops, 1 public hall, 1 town hall and fire station, and 38 alterations, making the total number of plans approved 313, being 33 in excess of that for last year. The number of houses passed on completion and certified as fit for habitation, was 197. Plans for four new streets have also been approved."

57. These figures indicate that the rapid extension of the Borough is still taking place, and I think it may be expected that within the next few years a still more rapid expansion will occur.

### VACCINATION.

- 58. The usual table, referring to this important matter, will be found in the Appendix. As in the previous year, I give a table extending for the twelve months ending June 30th, in order that time may be given to deal with the births which occur in the first half of the year. I can again heartily congratulate the Borough and the Vaccination Officer on the excellent figures shown in the table. Out of the 384 births dealt with, 321 are set down as successfully vaccinated, 24 died before vaccination, 10 cases were not to be found, only one certificate of conscientious objection was granted, and 7 cases only remained unvaccinated at the date of the return.
- 59. Last year I urged the importance of re-vaccination in all cases at about the age of ten years. Without wishing to reiterate what I have said before, I consider this matter so important that I believe if such re-vaccination were always carried out at about this period, the whole of the expenditure on our Smallpox Hospital might be done away with, and the money devoted to the development of other much-needed sanitary improvements.

### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

60. A table, in the same form as that for last year, will be found in the Appendix, giving particulars of the sanitary condition of the factories and workshops in the Borough. I am

pleased to be able to report that there has been nothing in the way of overcrowding, and that the places, generally, have been kept in a cleanly and sanitary condition. There is not a single underground bakehouse in the Borough.

### METEOROLOGY.

- 61. I am again indebted to Mr. Clarry, the Borough Surveyor, for forwarding me a complete return of the Meteorological observations for the year. The most important fact in connection with it, is the large amount of rainfall. This appears to have been 32.41 inches, compared with 24.9 in the previous year, and is the largest rainfall we have experienced for a considerable period. At the same time it is interesting in showing that the excess of rainfall over the central Midlands was not so marked as in certain other parts of the country. The mean temperature for the year was 47.9, compared with 46.2 in the previous year, while the amount of sunshine was 1,266 hours, compared with 1,262 in 1902.
- Though one's recollections of the summer would lead one to believe that it was one of the most wretched ever recorded, the figures do not quite bear this out. It is true that May was very deficient in sunshine, but August and September were, in this respect, better than in the preceding year. The largest amount of rain fell in the month of October, when more than  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches fell, compared with 2.3 in the previous year.
- 63. The effect of these conditions on the public health was most marked. It may be taken for granted that a year in which there is no great excess of heat and cold, and in which the rainfall is above the average, is always a healthy year. The old are saved in winter, and the young in summer, owing to the fact that those septic conditions which depend on a high temperature are not present, while the washing of the air and ground has also an important effect in preventing the outbreak of diarrheal disease.

### GENERAL SANITARY WORK.

64. The usual table of the Inspector appears in the Appendix, and shows that much good routine work has been carried out by him.

### CONCLUSION.

- 65. I can again, with great pleasure, point out the satisfactory nature of this Report. The death rate is practically the same as in the two previous years, while it is again below the average of the past ten years. The proportion of deaths due to zymotic diseases, allowing for an increase of population, has been almost identical with the previous year, one of the healthiest on record, while, with the exception of one death due to Diphtheria, none of the important preventable diseases have caused any mortality. We have been entirely free from Smallpox, while the incidence of Scarlet Fever was less than in the previous year. The most satisfactory feature, however, of all is the practical absence of Typhoid Fever. This of all others is the best index of the sanitary condition of a district, and although two cases were notified, as I have previously pointed out, only one of these can be considered to be associated with the district proper.
- 66. This, then, is a record, which it would be almost impossible to improve, and all associated with the maintenance of the public health of the Borough may indeed consider themselves fortunate if such a condition of affairs can be permanently maintained.
- 67. May I again, Mr. Chairman, acknowledge my indebtedness to you and all the Members of the Committee and also to my brother officers, for the universal courtesy, consideration and help I have, as in previous years, received in carrying out the work of the Department.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I.

SUTTON COLDFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1903 and Previous Years.

	Population estimated to	Bir.	гнѕ.		UNDER	DEATHS AGES.	AT ALL TOTAL.	DEATHS 1N	Deaths of Non-	Deaths of	Ages.	AT ALL NETT.
YEAR.	Middle of each Year.	Number.	Rate*	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered.	Number.	Rate*	PUBLIC INSTITU-	residents registered in District.	Residents registered beyond District.	Number.	Rate*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1893 1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902	9,100 10,000 10,500 10,800 11,641 12,619 13,800 14,517 14,400 15,635	221 200 209 211 223 219 310 322 340 383	24·28 20·00 19·90 19·53 19·15 17·35 22·46 22·18 23·61 24·02	29 18 24 24 22 20 30 30 33 40	131 90 114 123 103 91 96 93 97 103	138 112 114 141 126 146 168 168 170 185	15·16 11·20 10·85 13·05 10·82 11·56 12·17 11·57 11·60	- - 1 1 - - - 1 9	- - 1 - - 1 6 5 7 5	5 3 8 9 2 5 8 8	143 115 116 149 135 147 167 168 171 188	15:71 11:50 11:04 13:79 11:59 11:64 12:10 11:57 11:87 11:79
Averages for years 1893 1902	12,301	264	21.25	27	104	147	11.98	1	2	5	149	12.26
1903	16,619	364	21.90	37	101	191	11.48	1	3	11	199	11.97

\* Rates calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area) 13,030 covered by water)

Total population at all ages, 14,264 Number of inhabited houses, 3,073 Average number of persons per house, 4.64

At Census of 1901.

I.
Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District.

Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District.

Aston Union Workhouse, situate at

II.

III.
Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District.

NIL.

Erdington,
Aston Manor Joint Infectious Hospital,
situate partly in Perry Barr and
Erdington Urban Districts.

The Princess Alice Orphanage, situate at New Oscott in the Boldmere Ward.



TABLE II.

Vital Statistics of Separate Localities in 1903 and Previous Years.

## SUTTON COLDFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

Names of Localities.	Boldm	l. ERE	WAR	D,	Нп	2. L W	ARD.		Man	3. EY V	Vard	•	Trin	4.	WAR	D.	WALM	5.	WAI	RD,	WYLDE	6. Gre	EN W	ARD	Public	7. Inst	TITUT	ions.	lents rict
Year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Deaths of Non-Residents Registered in District. Deaths at all Ages.
	Cl	b	c	d	a	b	c	d	a	b	c	d	a	b	c	d	a	b	c	d	$\alpha$	b	c	d	$\alpha$	ъ	c	d	
1893	1,542	28	22	4	1,506	44	30	4	2,039	60	33	10	1,648	36	31	7	1,037	30	19	$\frac{1}{2}$	1,278	23	8	2					
1894	1,755	41	26	3	1,860	45	18	2	2,150	47	28	7	1,875	31	16	3	1,031	19	11	2	1,329	17	16	1				-	_
1895	1,867	41	18	5	1,940	35	19	3	2,300	65	31	8	2,000	22	23	2	1,036	12	11	3	1,357	14	14	3			1	_	
1896	1,977	37	30	1	1,970	34	19	5	2,360	58	36	8	2,060	31	36	7	1,066	24	16	1	1,367	27	12	2			1	-	_
1897	2,313	42	30	5	2,055	42	24	5	2,509	60	25	2	2,227	32	29	6	1,108	20	15	2	1,429	27	12	2	_	_	1	-	_
1898	2,782	57	25	7	2,160	33	30	2	2,644	51	31	6	2,289	32	26	2	1,157	24	16	2	1,587	22	19	1	_			_	
1899	3,158	70	31	S	2,283	51	18	3	2,981	81	40	10	2,441	36	43	6	1,251	35	15	2	1,686	37	20	1	_	_		_	_
1900	3,418	96	41	13	2,238	46	21	4	3,088	79	29	8	2,533	36	29	2	1,343	30	18	2	1,897	35	30	4	<u> </u>	_	_	_	_
1901	3,325	81	43	10	2,042	57	25	1	3,331	55	37	8	2,608	42	27	7	1,346	27	13	1	1,848	43	26	6		5	1		
1902	3,831	99	40	12	2,399	65	29	7	3,457	87	45	9	2,677	45	28	ig  2	1,253	36	15	3	2,018	51	31	6	-	_	9	_	5
Averages of Years 1893 to 1902	2,597	59	30	7	2,045	45	23	3	2,685	64	33	7	2,236	34	29	4	1,163	25	15	3	1,579	29	19	3			1		
1903	4,068	89	44	10	2,594	59	40	9	3,591	98	46	11	2,997	45	36	4	1,276	28	12		2,093	45	21	3			12		



TABLE III.

# SUTTON COLDFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the Year 1903.

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PITAL	7	Public and an arrange.	
No. of Cases removed to Hospital from each Locality.	9	Wylde Green Ward	
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D IN	9	Wylde Green Ward.	
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1 4	<i>ବ</i> ଦ	Maney Ward.	
TOTAL	63	Hill Ward.	
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		NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	Small-pox Cholera Diphtheria Membranous croup Erysipelas Scarlet fever Typhus fever Enteric fever Continued fever Puerperal fever Plague Chicken Pox Chicken Pox

Isolation Hospital—Aston Manor Joint Hospital, partly in Perry Barr and Erdington Urban Districts.

TABLE IV.—SUTTON COLDFIELD URBAN DISTRICT. Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1903.

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Caraca		CAUSES OF DEATH.		Small-pox	Measles	Scarlet fever	Whooping-cough	Diphtheria and membranous croup	Croup	suhdy )	Fever   Enteric	(Other continued	Epidemic influenza	Cholera	Plague	Diarrhea	:	Puerperal fever	:	Other septic diseases	Phthisis	Other tubercular diseases	Cancer, malignant disease	Bronchitis	Pneumonia	Pleurisy	Other diseases of Respiratory organs	Alcoholism—Cirrhosis of liver	Venereal diseases	Premature birth	Diseases and accidents of parturition	Heart diseases	Accidents	Suicides	All other causes	All causes

TABLE V.

WATER: RESULTS OF ANALYSIS EXPRESSED IN PARTS PER 100,000.

Remarks.	Tap Waters	Parade	Park Road	Jockey Road	Jordan Road	Chester Road	Fox Inn, Walmley	Pump, Mr. Loyns Cottages
Oxygen Absorbed in four hours.		0.030	0.054	0.056	0.012	0.023	0.020	÷
Chlorine.		1.1	1.8	1.7	1.6	9.1	1.8	5.6
Nitrogen as Nitrates and Nitrites.		trace	0.44	trace	trace	trace	0.22	3.19
Organic. Ammonia		0.004	0.003	0.004	900.0	0.005	900.0	900-0
Free. Ammonia		0.001	0.005	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.005
Total Solid Matter.		55	97	28	55	28	58	49
Date.	1903.	Jan. 19	Mar 10	May 11	July 13	Oct. 21	Nov. 17	Feb. 10
Locality.	SAMPLES OF PUBLIC SUPPLY.	Maney	Trinity	Boldmere	Hill	Wylde Green	Walmley	SAMPLES OF WELL WATER. Lichfield Road, Hill Feb. 10
No. of Water.		_	ಣ	4		9	7	<b>c</b> 3

TABLE VI.

Summary of Sanitary Work done in the Inspector of Nuisances

Department during the year 1903.

Descri	PTION OF WORK PERFORMEI			Inspections and Observations made.	Formal Notices by Authority.	Nuisances Abated after Notice.
Dwelling Houses and Schools	Overcrowding Unfit for Habitation	• • •	• • •	53	26 23 	24 21 
	Lodging Houses Dairies and Milkshops Cow Sheds Bakehouses Slaughter-houses	• • •	• • •	10 42 58 156	•••	•••
	Canal Boats Ashpits and Privies Deposits of Refuse ar Water-Closets (Defective Traps		nure	575 8 34 8	25 4 15 4	25 4 15 4
House Drainage	No Disconnection Other Faults Water Supply Pig-sties Animals improperly ke	•••		104 4 10	32 1 4	30 1 4
	Offensive Trades Smoke Nuisances		* * *	4 7 16	6	6
	Totals	• • •	• • •	1089	140	134

### TABLE VI.—Continued.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK PERFORMED.	Nos.
Seizures of unwholesome Food	•••
Samples of Food taken for Analysis	•••
,, , found Adulterated	•••
,, of Water taken for Analysis	7
,, ,, condemned as unfit for use	1
Note Where an inspection or notice embraces more than one defect,	
it may be enumerated separately as regards each such defect.	
Precautions against Infectious Disease.	
Lots of Infected Bedding Stoved or Destroyed	73
Houses Disinfected after Infectious Disease	73
Schools ,, ,, ,,	3
Prosecutions for not Notifying Existence of Infectious Disease	•••
Convictions ,, ,, ,,	•••
Prosecutions for Exposure of Infected Persons or Things	•••
Convictions ,, ,, ,, ,,	•••

FREDK. MERRIFIELD,

Inspector of Nuisances.

# TABLE VII.

# SUTTON COLDFIELD SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Return, showing the number of Births Registered, together with the number of such cases successfully Vaccinated or otherwise disposed of in the above District during the year ending 31st July, 1903.

		20
Conscientions tious Objection Certificates	(10)	
No. of Cases remaining Unvaccinated at date of this return.	(6)	<b>I</b> ~
No. of Cases not to be found.	(8)	10
Insusceptible Died before Cascsunder other Districts of Vaccin- ation.	(7)	ÇI
Cascsunder Post- ponement.	(9)	17
Died before Vaccin- ation.	(5)	<del>**</del> **********************************
Insusceptible of Vaccination.	(4)	¢ι
No. of these cases successfully Vaccinated.	(3)	321
No. of Births Registered during the year ending 31st July, 1903	(2)	384
Vaccination Districts.	(1)	Sutton Coldfield Borough (for Year ending 31st July, 1903)

ERNEST HATELEY,

Vaccination Officer,
Erdington.

TABLE VIII.

Shewing Streets in the Borough in which Cases of Infectious

Disease have been notified.

Ward and Street.	Small Pox.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Erysipelas.	Croup.	Chicken Pox.
Boldmere Road Jockey Road Chester Road Station Road Highbridge Road Sheffield Road Princess Alice Orphanage		8 4 — 5 2	1	1	1		1 - 3 - -
HILL— Church Lane Mere Green Roughley Clarence Road Four Oaks Common		1 1 1			——————————————————————————————————————		$egin{array}{c} 1 \ 2 \ 15 \ \hline 2 \end{array}$
Maney— Duke Street Clifton Road Bishops Road Holland Road Coles Lane Driffold Lower Parade Victoria Road Coleshill Road Parade		1 2 2 3 - 3 2 1			1		

TABLE VIII.—Continued.

Ward and Street.		Small Pox.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Erysipelas.	Croup.	Chicken Pox.
Trinity —								
Tudor Road Hartopp Road Riland Road Park Road Park High Street Doe Bank			1 3 1 2 1					- 1 - - 1
WALMLEY—								
The Greaves Langley Thimble End	• • •	 	- 1 1				— — —	1 
Wylde Green —								
Highbridge Road Penns Lane Birmingham Road Green Lanes Eastern Road Harman Road Florence Road			1 1 2 1 1	1 - - -		<u>i</u>		- 1 - 2
Totals .			53	6	2	3		34

### TABLE IX.

# METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT THE PARK LODGE AND COUNCIL HOUSE, SUTTON COLDFIELD, DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1903, BY THE PARK FORESTER (Mr. H. HARLOND).

Lat.: 52 deg. 33 mi. 22 sec., N.

Long.: 1 deg. 49 mi. 42 sec., W.

Height of Rain Gauge above Sea Level, 370.5 feet.

		RAINF	'ALL.		В	AROM	ETER.					THER	MOMETE	ERS.				SUNSH	HINE.	
MONTH.	Total Depth in inches.	Number of days which Rain fell.	Greatest fall in 24 hours.		Highest Corrected Readings.		Lowest Corrected Readings.		Highest Readings.		Lowest Readings.		Mean Temperature for the Month.	Highest Readings in Sun.		Lowest Readings on Grass.				MONTH.
		on	Depth.	Date.	Inches.	Date.	Inches.	Date.	Degrees.	Date.	Degrees.	Date.	Degrees.	Degrees.	Date.	Degrees.	Date.	Hours.	Mins.	
January February March April June July August September October November December	2·220 0·990 4·380 1·540 1·970 2·610 4·280 3·240 5·520 1·860 1·870	18 5 20 14 18 8 13 18 14 29 17 17	·620 ·410 ·880 ·470 ·480 ·640 1·160 ·890 ·730 ·910 ·630 ·610	2nd 24th 17th 28th 3rd 13th 25th 24th 24th 27th 27th 8th	30·629 30·576 30·217 30·417 30·488 30·510 30·383 30·235 30·560 30·125 30·636 30·223	14th 17th 31st 18th 24th 4th 10th 26th 15th 18th 5th 21st	29·310 29·340 28·962 29·315 29·309 29·652 29·642 29·150 29·511 29·027 29·160 29·076	10th 27th 26th 27th 5th 19th 17th 15th 11th 12th 28th 8th	52·0 57·8 62·5 58·5 75·5 81·0 85·7 73·2 71·5 64·0 48·5	6th 10th 26th 26th 23rd 28th 11th 9th 2nd 1st 24th 23rd	15·5 24·3 25·6 23·5 29·0 31·8 38·5 37·3 33·0 31·9 24·3 20·3	14th 18th 11th 18th 13th 21st 8th 22nd 13th 24th 19th 30th	37·7 41·2 42·9 42·5 55·7 54·9 59·1 56·3 54·5 51·6 42·3 36·5	68·3 91·0 106·5 108·2 123·7 132·9 128·2 126·2 121·5 108·6 86·0 64·0	29th 10th 19th 30th 23rd 28th 12th 5th 6th 4th 2nd 5th	11.6 19.0 24.5 22.3 25.6 27.0 32.0 33.0 30.0 28.1 19.5 18.2	14th 18th 11th 17th 13th 21st 8th 22nd 16th 24th 19th 31st	36 68 102 141 139 154 160 133 172 71 62 23	51 28 11 8 34 11 31 16 9 40 52 47	January February March April May June July August September October November December
TOTALS	32:410	191							N	IEAN F	OR THE	YEAR	47.9			Γ	COTAL	1266	38	

W. A. H. CLARRY, BOROUGH SURVEYOR.



TABLE X.

EXTRACTS FROM REGISTER, FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901.

			Number of	N1	W	. C.					
No. in Register.	Nature of Work carried on.	Cubic Capacity.	Persons permitted to be Employed.	Number of Workers Employed.	М.	F.	Lighting.	Warmin <b>g.</b>	Ventilation.	Paint, Paper or Limewash.	Remarks
$\frac{1}{2}$	Laundry Generation of	48,575	155	52	1	3	Windows and Electricity	Steam Pipes	$\mathbf{Windows}$	Limewashed	Everything satisfactory
		.   136,400		3	1	_	Windows and Electricity	Boilers and Steam Pipes	Windows and Top	Glazed Bricks and Limewashed	Everything excellent
3	Mineral Waters	74,382		9	1	1	Windows and Gas	Small Boiler	Windows and Top	Limewashed	Everything new and in good order
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	Baking  do.  do.  do.  do.  do.  do.  do.  do	3,420 3,160 4,494 1,540 1,188 2,700 721 1,381 2,464 864 1,026 1,395 3,042 1,296 1,564 22,040 2,160 2,488 1,920 1,237 1,215 1,600 4,960 5,330 1,728 2,124 1,350 4,536 11,160 6,370 1,366	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$egin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			Windows and Gas Windows Windows Windows Windows and Gas Windows	Oven Oven Oven Oven Oven Oven Oven Oven	Windows and Doors Windows and Top Windows and Door Window and Door Window and Door Window and Top Windows and Door Windows	Limewashed Papered Papered Papered Papered Papered Papered Limewashed Papered Limewashed	Satisfactory

TABLE X.—Continued.

			Number of	N	W.C.						
No. in Register	Nature of Work carried on.	Cubic apacity.	Persons permitted to be Employed.	Number of Workers Employed.	M	F.	. Lighting.	Warming.	Ventilation.	Paint, Paper or Limewash.	Remarks.
31	Motor and Cycle	 8,505	34	$\frac{4}{4}$	- January	-	Windows	Stove	Windows and Top	Limewashed	Satisfactory
32 33 	Plumber Joinery Joinery Blacksmith Wheelwright Painter Wheelwright Cycle and Motor Repairs Joinery Mills Mills Joinery Joinery Joinery Farrier	646 7,930 7,560 4,830 3,720 5,184 2,436 8,640 39,600 21,020 14,985 20,535 5,669 8,000 3,712 2,583	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2\\ 31\\ 30\\ 18\\ 14\\ 20\\ 9\\ 34\\ 158\\ \end{array} \right\}$	2 4 2 1 1 3 4 5 4 4 3 7	l l Privy Privy W.C. l Privy W.C.	- - -	Windows and Gas Windows and Electricity Doors open Doors open Windows and Gas Windows and Gas Windows and Gas Windows and Gas	Stove Stove Stove Stove Stove Stove Stove Stove Stove Forge	Windows and Top Windows and Doors Doors Doors Doors Doors and Top Open Front Doors and Windows Doors and Windows Doors and Windows Doors and Windows	Limewashed	Satisfactory
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49	Farrier Joiner Wheelwright Blacksmith Basket Making  Baking  Farrier  Joinery Farrier Wheelwright	4,158 9,544 4,320 9,537 4,212 7,956 2,304 1,864 2,475 2,227 6,720 7 280 4,828	16 38 17 38 16 31 9 7 9 8 26 29 19	2 6 4 1 2 3 2	l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l	- -	Doors open Doors open Windows and Doors Windows and Gas Windows and Electric Light Windows, Oil Lamp Windows, Oil Lamp Windows and Electricity Windows and Gas Windows and Gas Windows	Forge Hot Pipes Forge Forge Stove Oven  Forge Stove Forge Stove Forge	Doors and Windows Doors and Windows Windows Windows and Doors Windows Windows and Doors	Limewashed	Satisfactory
	Wheelwright	1,020	1.7				Williams	· · ·	Windows and Doors	Limewashed	Satisfactory



